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Snowpack above average for time of year

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The snowpack in the area is above average for the time of year, as the spring freshet approaches.

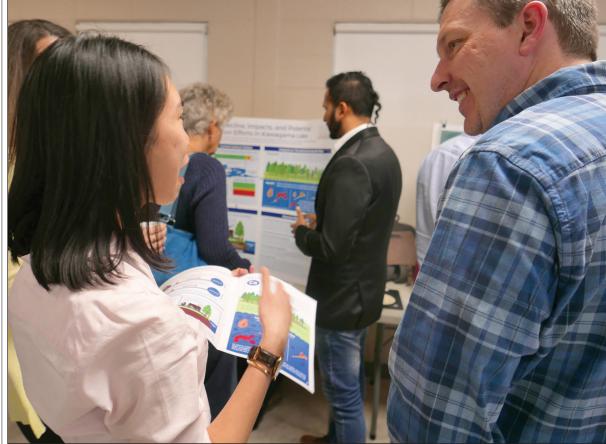
'Current snowpack is measured to be above average for this time of the year and may result in localized melt and run-off with the warming temperatures and precipitation," reads an email from communications staff with Parks Canada.

Parks Canada operates the Trent-Severn Waterway, the feeder system which includes a number of lakes and rivers within Haliburton County. Water from more than 25 reservoir and flow-through lakes funnels into the Gull River through downtown Minden and out into Gull Lake.

While levels on the lakes are so far below average, the river is running above average.

"Water levels on the lakes in general are below average," according to Parks Canada. "Recent dam operations to reduce water levels in some reservoir lakes have been implemented in response to the upcoming forecast conditions, which have resulted in increased flows on the Gull and Burnt Rivers. Flows on

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Celebrating research

Trent University students presented findings of their community-based research on topics including Best Management Practices: Guidelines for Protecting Wetlands; Mental Health Impacts of Climate Change; Optimizing Composting for Soil and Garden Production and **Designing Citizen** Science Protocol with Head, Grass and Kashag Lakes at the U-Links Celebration of Research held March 23. See story on page 2./ **SUE TIFFIN Staff**

Algonquin Highlands gets grants

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is in the money. The township learned last week that it will be the recipient of a couple of sizeable

One, from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is a \$150,000 capital grant that will help pay for a 960-square foot expansion of the Dorset Heritage Museum. The township applied for the funding last year. The remainder of the project's \$270,000 price tag was fundraised for by volunteers.

"We can't go without mentioning the [Dorset Heritage Museum] committee's worked very hard to do a lot of fundraising,

and we're very thankful for the generous donations that we've received," Algonquin Highlands parks, rec and trails manager Chris Card said during a March 20 council

"It's fabulous news and certainly, I would echo your comments and thanks to the volunteers," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Council agreed to proceed with the funding agreement during the meeting, and the

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Students celebrate community-based research

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

A hush filled Minden's community centre as a crowd of students and community members gathered insight from speakers at the U-Links Celebration of Research on March 23: Ray Letheren who spoke of the community of Bayfield's drive to eliminate singleuse water bottles; Anna Robbins, a fourth year Trent biology student who researched bird boxes for nesting bluebirds along Gelert Road for the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists; and Emily Amon, a research associate with U-Links who spoke to her work evaluating the impact of community-based research on Haliburton County.

But soon after, the air was filled with a buzz generated by conversation and excitement – both of the guests taking in the findings of diverse research projects represented by posters around the room and of the enthusiastic students able to share their work with an interested community.

"From calcium decline in local lakes to plastic water bottle reduction to the mental health impacts of climate change, the depth and breadth of the subject matter is remarkable," said Amanda Duncombe-Lee, U-Links project coordinator, in opening remarks. "Community-researcher partnerships allow for a unique blend of values and expertise, promoting co-learning for the mutual benefit of all partners."

Projects presented around the room included: "Designing Citizen Science Protocol with Head, Grass and Kashag Lakes," "Head Lake Park Tree Sustainability Project," "Social and Ecological Carrying Capacity of [Queen Elizabeth Wildlands II] Park," and "Haliburton Forest Green Parking Lot Strategies," with hosts that ranged from lake organizations, to municipalities, to the health unit

Barrie Martin, who is vice-president of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative of which U-Links is a project, attended the event for a few reasons, he said, including that he was "curious to see the range of student work and how it contributes to the community," and "looking for inspiration to define and develop research projects for projects I am involved with, including Hike Haliburton, Yours Outdoors and the Folk Society." He said he appreciated the emphasis on climate change and sustainability, and found Amon's presentations about the impact of research on community and student interesting.



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"This is a truly unique partnership that is getting attention elsewhere," he said.

Amon's address looked at the impact of community-based research in the region, and also what happens after students leave and how U-Links can help ensure research projects are designed to make an impact in the community.

"Community-based research is about so much more than a lit-review or a research poster," said Amon in her address. "It's about the connections you make, and the ability of researchers to reflect back at their hosts all the contextual information they've been fed by virtue of the collaborative process."

The master's degree candidate and self-proclaimed "frequent flyer" in the community-based research program spoke to the importance of shared knowledge, and the mentorship and insights offered by community organizations to students that is provided through the program.

"This whole thing works because of the reciprocity that exists within our community-based research partnerships," she said.

Amon also spoke to what happens next, acknowledging that in some cases, host organizations may not be able to implement recommendations for a variety of reasons.

"[W]e know that the work is never wast-

ed," she said. "Every project leads to new insights, organizational learning, and opportunities for new relationships to be formed and strengthened."

She listed outcomes of some of the projects, which included new community programming and educational opportunities, the establishment of management plans for local green spaces and identification of economic and cultural development opportunities.

"Where it goes from here? It's in the community's hands now," she said. "I have no doubt that all this work will go on to do important things in Haliburton County, taking it a step beyond the purely academic pursuits,

to the kind of research that connects and strengthens our world for everyday people."

Duncombe-Lee invited organizations to participate and offered help through U-Links developing ideas into project proposals.

"You may want to challenge or confirm an assumption, calculate the feasibility of a new project, or simply get volunteer assistance with a large scale event," she said. "We value project diversity across all sectors."

U-Links is encouraging hosts interested in matching a project with Trent or Fleming students to contact the centre for communitybased research by June 30 this year. For more information visit ulinks.ca.



Trent University master's degree candidate Emily Amon speaks to her research in which she immersed herself in Haliburton County to learn more about the impact of the U-Links program here at the Celebration of Research event held March 23. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Flows on **Gull River** above average

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the Gull River are above average and average on the Burnt

After a warm spell earlier in March, temperatures have returned to more seasonal norms lately. With warming temperatures and precipitation, levels will rise throughout the spring.

The Ontario Waterways InfoNet tool on the TSW website allows residents to monitor levels, and can be found at https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet.

"The InfoNet contains background information on water management practices, water management updates, frequently asked questions about water management, various reports on water management, and the most recent water levels of lakes along both the Rideau Canal and the Trent-Severn Waterway," the email from Parks Canada reads.

"Of specific note is the water levels tool within the InfoNet which provides lake levels data from the last 30 days and graphic representation of levels for the current year. The information comes from hydrometric gauges located at key points along both waterways and is vetted by trained and experienced Parks Canada water management staff. This information is intended as supplemental information only. Stakeholders should continue to refer to their respective Conservation Authority or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as the primary source for relevant flood forecasting information specific to their area."

Extreme flooding along the Gull River in both the springs of 2013 and 2017 put the Township of Minden Hills into a state of emergency.



Dorset museum to receive grant funding

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plan is for construction to begin later this year, and the addition to be completed by the fall of 2020. It will include additional display, meeting and storage space.

"Congratulations to the Township of Algonquin Highlands for receiving a \$150,000 grant for the Dorset Heritage Museum," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott in a release. "I am pleased that this grant will help bring local history to life, strengthen community pride, and educate future generations."

The township also learned that, along with a number of other small and rural municipalities, it will be getting a one-time, no-strings-attached injection of cash from the provincial government through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. According to a letter from Minister Steve Clark that was sent to municipal council heads, the allocations are based on a formula that takes into account the number of households in a community.

Algonquin Highlands will receive \$532,292 of more than \$2.8 million allocated to the four lower-tier municipalities and the upper-tier county government. Minden Hills will receive \$542,255, as will Dysart et al. Highlands East gets \$534,469 and the upper-tier county will receive \$725,000.

"The announcement is a welcome surprise and while the funds have no strings attached the letter also said the money is 'intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital i nvestments," Moffatt wrote in a social media post. "We have a looooong list of pent-up capital projects that would enhance service delivery so we look forward to a future discussion about how to make the best use of this windfall.'

Other townships in the county will also be receiving onetime grants.

Provincial government sending large sums to municipalities

On March 20, the province's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, announced millions of dollars of one-time funding for local service delivery would be released to small, rural municipalities.

Haliburton County – the four lower-tier governments and the upper-tier county government – will collectively receive more than \$2.8 million "to improve service delivery by finding smarter, more efficient ways to spend money that help those who need it most while respecting taxpayer dollars," a press release from the province says.

Haliburton County will receive \$725,000 while Dysart et al and Minden Hills will receive \$542,255 each, Highlands East will receive \$534,469, and Algonquin Highlands will receive

There are no directives on how to spend the money, however, the provincial government's announcement states that municipalities are expected to take steps to be more efficient and gives examples including "service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, IT solutions, capital investments or other projects.'

MPP Laurie Scott said she was pleased municipalities would be able to spend the money where they thought it would be most needed.

"This modernization funding recognizes the unique needs and circumstances of rural communities in our riding and provides them with the support they need to deliver services efficiently and effectively," she said.

Andrea Roberts, mayor of Dysart et al, is quoted as saying the funding was well-timed and she looked forward to "collaborating with neighbouring municipalities, prioritizing our capital works, and finding ways to modernize and improve our services.'

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Half Load weight restrictions are placed on roadways and posted each year in the spring for approximately 1-2 months, usually coinciding with the County of Haliburton's weight restrictions.

Persons contravening this regulation will be prosecuted under Section 122 of The Highway Traffic Act.

Please watch for and obey posted signage.

SPRING MELT REMINDER

Springtime is typically the time of year when periods of precipitation historically occur. Property owners are reminded to be aware of and monitor their situation, as each can vary depending on: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels; and the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca.



DID YOU KNOW?

April 1st to October 31st each year is considered "Fire Season". A Burn Permit is required for daytime burning during this period and can be obtained from the Administration Office, 2nd floor.

County, CoKL reduce chronic homelessness by more than half

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes are on track to reach "functional zero" when it comes to chronic homelessness when it comes to the joint area of the two municipalities.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is the social services provider for Haliburton County, and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness has announced that, since August of 2018, there has been a 51 per cent reduction of chronically homeless people in the two communities. This accomplishment was recognized at a Built for Zero press conference in Toronto.

The number of people known to be chronically homeless dropped from 57 to 28 during that time period. Chronic homelessness is defined as being homeless for at least six months within the last year.

According to the alliance, the county and the city are on pace to reach "functional zero" when it comes to chronic homelessness within the next year. "Functional zero" means that the county and city combined would have three or less people experiencing chronic homelessness for three consecutive months. The city is aiming to achieve this goal within the two municipalities by the end of 2020.

"The commitment and work around supporting the most vulnerable in our community is providing an opportunity to ensure that our resources are being used effectively to make a difference in the lives of those who would have otherwise fallen through the cracks of the system," Michelle Corley, of the Housing Help Division of the City of Kawartha Lakes, said in a release.

The county and city are part of the 20,000 Homes Campaign, which works to house vulnerable people across Canada and which since 2016, has helped to house more than 21,200.



Glen Smith catches the ace

Ticket marshal Dennis Casey holds up the envelope corresponding to the first ticket drawn in the Catch the Ace lottery at the HHOA Fish Hatchery on Wednesday, March 20 as Roxanne Casey, left, and Linda Heeps live stream the announcement. The first ticket belonged to Stephanie McCord, who won \$2,351, but did not "catch the ace." Tickets continued to be drawn until Glen Smith's was drawn. His ticket caught the ace of spades and he won \$16,240. The lottery is a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and Canoe FM. /JENN WATT Staff



At the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association office, fish hatchery manager Randy Charter live streams phone calls to the two winners from Catch the Ace. Dan Smith, VP of the HHOA, listens in as Charter makes the calls.



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CIBC celebrates 100 years in Minden

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce celebrated 100 years in Minden with an event last week.

Minden's first bank was established in 1895 by J.H Delamere. According to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, in July of 1907, the Sterling Bank purchased the property at the corner of Bobcayeon Road and Newcastle Street, where the CIBC stands today. A small building there (today it's located at the cultural centre) operate d as the bank until 1911, when

Then, in 1919, the Sterling Bank re-opened. Founded by a group of Toronto businessmen and bankers, CIBC's archives indicate its board included some of Toronto's most prominent figures of the time, including J.C. Eaton. The Minden bank was then purchased by the Standard Bank of Canada in 1924, and Standard was then purchased by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1928. (The Canadian Bank of Commerce would become the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce when it merged with the Imperial Bank of Canada in 1961.)

By the late 1950s, a larger bank building was required in Minden. The original building was moved to Peck Street where it served as the library (before being moved to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre years later), and a new banking centre was constructed in 1959. The current CIBC building was constructed in 1991.



The Minden CIBC was once a branch of the Standard Bank of Canada, as seen in this photo from the 1920s.



Minden students receive a tour of the Minden CIBC from the branch manager in the late 1960s.

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CIBC celebrated a century of operation in Minden last week with a \$2,500 donation to Abbey Gardens, for programming it offers to Community Living clients. From left are Barb Bolin and Heather Reid of Abbey Gardens, Johnny Tkach and Greg Phippen of Community Living, Minden CIBC manager Chris Black, and CIBC district vicepresident Raymond Lang. /CHAD **INGRAM Staff**

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Raising tension

CHAD INGRAM

Reporter

T'S THAT time of year, when the eyes of Mindenites turn to the Gull River.

Springtime is of course wonderful: the horrible, horrible chill of winter giving way to the promise of summer's warmth.

However, in Minden, springtime also brings with it an annual apprehension, as the warming weather and precipitation pose the potential to put at least a portion of the village underwater.

For residents, there are some

unofficial and unscientific signs that flooding might be on its way. Certainly, once "the chairs" affixed to one of the residential docks along Water Street become submerged to a certain point, anxiety can heighten.

My own personal, very unscientific barometer, lies at the point where the Minden boardwalk meets Invergordon Avenue. If the water from the wetland meets the water from the river in the middle of the road, then that typically means we're in trouble.

Minden is located on a floodplain and the Gull River, which flows through its heart, is the lone channel for water from more than 25 reservoir and flow-through lakes that feed into Gull Lake, south of the village, as part of the feeder system for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Twice in the last six years, extreme flooding has plunged the Township of Minden Hills into states of emergency, and certainly climate change brings with it the

promise of increased flooding in the future. Those who were around for the disastrous 2013 flood likely still have some of those images engraved on their mind's eye. That deluge, which covered swaths of the village for three weeks, forced a number of residents to be evacuated from their homes, and some homes to be subsequently demolished. It was a truly traumatizing event for a number of residents.

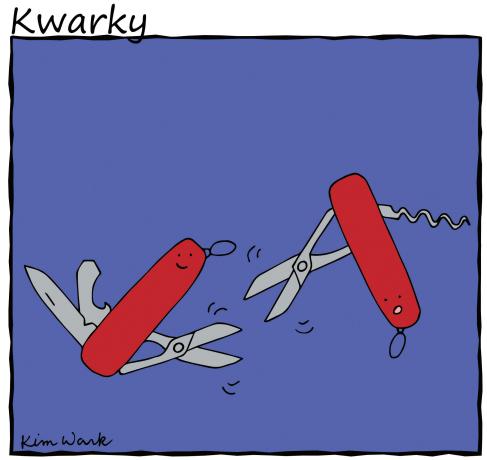
While it had water levels nearly as high, the 2017 flood was less

> disastrous, due largely to lessons learned from 2013. There was increased preparedness on the part of the township, in terms of sandbagging and other resources.

Since 2013, a communication network has been created that include

regular conference calls between Parks Canada, other organizations and local politicians once March arrives. There has been improved monitoring of water levels throughout the system, including the continued addition of digital gauges. The Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership, a sort of de facto conservation authority that advocates on behalf of local stakeholders when it comes to water level management, was established. The ongoing process of LIDAR mapping, being undertaken by the County of Haliburton, should in the future provide the blueprint for flood mitigation activities, including the construction of infrastructure for that purpose.

For now, though, for another year, we wait and watch.



"Best of three?"

Staying sharp

THE OTHER day I realized I just might have a knife problem. It's not that I have too many knives – goodness no. I mean all I have is three fillet knives, four pocket knives, three large general purpose hunting knives, three lock blades, two bird knives, two skinning knives, one carving knife, one Swiss Army knife, one multi-tool with knife, one boning knife, two slicing knives and assorted butter and cheese knives.

Basically, I'm just an average outdoorsman – which means I have more knives than Band-Aids.

The problem I am referring to is actually regarding the maintenance of those knives. You see, like many outdoorsy types, I am a compulsive sharpener.

I sharpen knives while watching TV. I sharpen knives when I am bored or when I get a new sharpener. I sharpen knives before I use them and after I use

them. I sharpen knives when I get them and when I take them out to see if they are sharp. And, if they are sharp, I always think, "You know, I should sharpen this, because a knife could always be sharper."

Of course, the high-water mark of a sharp knife is that it is shaving sharp which leads me to believe someone needs to teach hipsters how to sharpen.

I remember when my son was young I gave him this sage advice. "Son," I said, "Ideally, you want to be able to run a knife across your arm and watch all the hairs pop off."

He answered with, "Is that because you already did that on the top of your head?" Sadly, the answer is no.

But it does raise an important issue for

those of us afflicted with the sharpening bug. Mainly, the hair that you shave off typically does not grow back quickly enough. The end result is that the habitual sharpener is always looking for new hair to shave in order to prove the razor sharpness of the knife in hand.

One of the common sense rules I abide by is that I only shave the areas of my body that I can afford to lose. Also, it helps if they would look good with a hook or peg.

Because I am left handed, I always

shave my right arm first. If the hair is still growing back from a previous edge testing, I will resort to shaving my right or left leg.

I never shave the hair on my left arm because if I lopped off that arm when testing the blade for sharpness, I'd have to learn how to sharpen with my right hand. But I'd also have bragging rights whenever outdoorsmen gathered to speak about

knife sharpening skills.

Despite the temptation, when you are creating very sharp edges you must think about safety first.

That's why you never say things like, "You know, your legs look like they could ise a good shaving" to any woman in your life. This is an unsafe thing to do.

There are certainly other ways of testing a knife for sharpness – for instance cutting paper. But, in my experience that just gets you banned from the library – and, worse still, it dulls a perfectly sharp knife.

The point is knife sharpening can be addictive – but it can also explain why three of my four limbs are hairless come summer.

Ironically, even I'm not keen on this.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A leaf's lesson in courage

HERE IS a lesson learned from the tenacious and tiresome winter which, according to the calendar, ended last week.

It comes on an almost-spring breeze that brushes my cheeks as I walk a snow-covered path through a copse of young oaks and beeches that appear to be stone cold dead.

The breeze carries an unhurried clicking sound that is out of place and unnatural in these somnolent woods. I stop to listen and look about to find the source.

Over my shoulder I see a single leaf tossing restlessly in the breeze. It is an oak leaf – brown and brittle – that has clutched its branch desperately through many weeks of blowing snow, freezing rain and bitter temperatures. A single sign of life in an otherwise lifeless forest.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

The leaf fluttering on its branch may appear to be a sign of life but it is in fact dead, and has been since last fall. How and why it has clung through the brutal winter is a matter of scientific speculation.

Dead or not, the leaf for me is a lesson in courage. It succumbed in a natural process many months ago but refused to fall, becoming a symbol of resistance to the cruelty of winter.

A few other trees around me also hold dark brown oak and pale tan beech leaves. Some will succumb to early spring winds but others will re-

main until the new growth of May demands their space.

The botanical term for leaves that do not fall on schedule is marcescence. It's a word that comes from Latin (whither) but it does not explain why some leaves hang on through the brutish winter months.

The trees I see with dead leaves still attached to their branches are all oaks and beeches (which, incidentally, are related even though their leaves are distinctly different). They are two of just a few deciduous species that refuse to drop all their leaves in autumn. Another common one is hornbeam, which some of us call ironwood.

There are a number of theories why these trees retain some leaves throughout the winter. One is that they hold leaves until spring then drop them to deliver new organic feed that the tree really needs after a long winter hibernation.

Oaks and beeches often grow in poor soil conditions – dry, rocky areas – and even small amounts of nutrients provided by dead leaves in spring are considered helpful to their growth.

Another theory is that dead leaves block blowing snow, forcing it to fall to the base of the tree, thus providing small amounts of much needed water in spring.

Yet another theory is that clinging dead leaves provide some frost protection for buds and new twigs that begin to grow as the weather warms during spring days. And still another study holds that dead leaves help to hide succulent new buds from browsing moose and deer, saving them to grow into new shoots and leaves.

Those theories sound a bit stretched but no one simply made them up. They are based on scientific observations and research studies.

Despite the studies and the bright minds that conduct them, there is no definitive answer why some trees retain leaves they should shed in autumn. We simply do not know why.

And that's a good thing. It's good that nature keeps some secrets because without some mysteries life would be very boring.

The German theoretical physicist Max Planck, who won a Nobel Prize in 1918, had some thoughts on nature's secrets:

"Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature," he wrote in his 1933 book *Where Is Science Going?* "And that is because, in the last analysis, we ourselves are a part of the mystery that we are trying to solve."

Mysteries aside, the fact is that even the most stubborn leaves fall eventually, joining millions of others in the miracle of decomposition that provides nutrient rich food for trees and other plants. It's the perfect example of spent lives providing for new life.

The dead leaves that cling through winter only to drop in spring also provide a bit more raking, which we thought had ended in November. However, raking is a lot better than shovelling snow.

Email: shaman@vianet.ca Profile: http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B001K8FY3Y letters to the editor

Kids confront climate crisis complicity and complacency

To the Editor,

Many of us are aware that a global school strike for climate action was initiated last summer by Greta Thunberg, age 16, of Sweden. In January of this year, here is part of what she had to say to the self-appointed "global elite" at the World Economic Forum held in Davos, Switzerland:

"At Davos, people like to talk about success, but financial success has come with a price tag, and on the climate we have failed. And unless we recognize the failures of our system, there will be unspoken suffering."

Thunberg dismissed the usual admonishments that climate is complex. She has grown impatient when grown-ups explain to her that structural reform is hard, sensitive, intricate, takes time, and that nothing in life is black and white. "That is a lie," she countered. "Either we prevent temperatures from rising above 1.5 degrees (Celsius), or we don't. Either we avoid the chain reaction of unravelling ecosystems, or we don't. That's as black or white as it gets. Now we all have a choice: we can either create transformational action or continue with business as usual and fail."

"I often hear adults say: 'We need to give the

next generation hope'," she concluded. "But I don't want your hope. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I do. Every day. And want you to act. I want you to behave like our house is on fire. Because it is."

Let there be no doubt. Maintaining the status quo, based on the economic mythology of near infinite growth via blind exploitation of the biosphere, is not a viable option. The earth has made it all too clear how the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, primarily in the "developed" and "over-developed" nations, has affected her ability to maintain equilibrium or homeostasis.

Locally, student led rallies on Fridays are held in support of the growing global movement to raise awareness about the climate crisis, and to encourage meaningful and timely action.

The majority of global greenhouse gas emissions have been released while we have been adults. So, let us join with the younger generations and have the courage and conviction to demand and create a shift to a more sustainable way of co-inhabiting this planet.

Let's do this while we have the chance!

John Gibb Minden

Gratitude for the kindness of strangers

To the Editor,

On a recent sunny day in the Highlands, Haliburton County leant us a helping hand. We were driving along Highway 118 on the way to visit our parents, when we came around a corner through the rock cut and hit a patch of black ice. Before we knew it, we were upside down, hanging by our seatbelts. Luckily, we walked away unhurt. We witnessed the kindness of strangers

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Slowing the biological clock

T'S NEXT TO impossible to avoid a day without seeing some kind of advertisement for a product that claims to reverse the effects of aging. The fact is we are all aging but just because time is passing doesn't mean we have to feel old.

Close your eyes for a moment, and ask yourself the question "how old do I feel right now?" I often come up with the feel-

ing of being 12 years old. I'm not sure why that age pops into my head but it does. Perhaps it was a time in my life before I started taking myself and the rest of the world too seriously. Back when running through mud puddles was for the fun of running through mud puddles. Attitude is everything, right?!

While we cannot stop time from passing we can adjust our biological age. In fact, age has

two different definitions. Chronological age is the number of years you have been alive. Biological age refers to how old you seem to others. I know I seem younger than the 58 and a half years I've been on this planet. I'm proud of that because I work at it.

According to Deepak Chopra there are seven things you can do to reduce your biological age. Here they are:

1. Change your perceptions of your body and aging.

- 2. Reduce stress.
- 3. Get regular restful sleep.
- 4. Nourish your body with healthy foods.5. Exercise.
- 6. Maintain loving relationships with family and friends.
- 7. Keep your mind youthful (you too can think that you're 12 years old).

Our biological age is truly a matter of

attitude. If we think we're too old to do something then we won't do it, and then we won't be able to do it. So begins the vicious cycle that ends badly. It's easy for aging behaviours to sneak in. A few years ago I noticed myself walking across the room to put my foot up on a bench to tie my shoe. That habit started and I didn't even realize I was doing it until that moment. So I stopped. I bend

LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

down to tie my shoes now.

George Bernard Shaw said "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." I'm heading off to the playground...how about you?

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.

Doc(k) Day connects audience over documentaries

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

In previous years at Doc(k) Day, audience members have left the ballroom of the Pinestone connected in some way after having viewed a documentary. Some have gone solo and end up discussing what they've seen with fellow film goers next to them, while others have made a "girls night" of the occasion and chat after the film with their friends on the way

So it's fitting that an event that brings friends, family, neighbours and strangers together to connect over documentary films is celebrating a theme of "connections" in the documentary choices this year.

The eighth annual Doc(k) Day, an all-day documentary film festival held at the Pinestone, features screenings of four films on April 6 with the first starting at 10 a.m. and the last screening at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Those Other Movies, the committee chooses the "gems," according to organizer Tammy Rea, from all the films they watch in the year, opting for documentaries that are moving, touching and thoughtprovoking for their audiences. This year's line-up includes Three Identical Strangers, The Woman Who Loves Giraffes, Anthropocene: The Human Epoch and You Are Here.

"We want you to walk out of there at the end of the day with some new friends, people you've connected to through the screen, and a slightly better person," she said. "You know something more, you do something more, and it might just change the way you see the world a little bit."

Although guests can pick and choose which documentaries they watch, Rea said most guests end up "cocooning" themselves at the Pinestone, chatting over lunch and dinner between the thoughtfully scheduled movies.

"The conversation just starts from the minute you get there and just evolves throughout the whole day," she said.

Three Identical Strangers (10 a.m.) offers what Rea called a "biological connection." The film tells the true story of three strangers who are unaware they were born as identical triplets, but are incredibly reunited by coincidence as adults. According to the film summary, "[t]heir jaw-dropping, feelgood story instantly becomes a global sensation complete with fame and celebrity, however, the fairy-tale reunion sets in motion a series of events that unearth an unimaginable secret – a secret with radical repercussions for us all."



Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, described as being the world's first "giraffologist," comes to Haliburton on April 6 for Doc(k) Day and a screening of The Woman Who Loves Giraffes, a documentary about her life. Other films being shown that day as part of the eighth annual documentary film festival are Three Identical Strangers, Anthropocene and You Are Here./(Photo submitted)

The Woman Who Loves Giraffes (1 p.m.) tells the story of Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, the world's first "giraffologist," who in 1956 became a groundbreaking scientist who was to giraffes as Jane Goodall later was to chimpanzees. She wrote what is still today considered the "giraffe bible," according to Rea, but faced discrimination from the University of Guelph and a stifled career when she returned to Canada.

Director Alison Reid, who will attend the screening and a Q and A alongside Dr. Dagg, heard about Dagg's work through a CBC radio show and after reading her memoir, asked to go with Dagg when she returned to Africa after half a century. The result is The Woman Who Loves Giraffes, a documentary which caused University of Guelph to issue a public apology to Dagg, and create a scholarship in the scientist's name for a female biology student. "Anne is a really warm person and you fall in love with her in the film," said Reid. "You fall in love with giraffes with her if you don't already love giraffes, and you connect with her suffering, with what she went through with her career. That speaks to many people as well. We've had women get up and they're just damn angry." Rea said Dagg's attendance will be a "huge moment."

"We seem to get standing ovations every time when she's there," said Reid.

Anthropocene: The Human Epoch (3:30 p.m.) is described in its film summary as a "cinematic meditation on humanity's massive re-engineering of the planet" and offers, according to Rea, an environmental connection. She said it's not just a documentary, but a "whole project, a whole movement," with exhibitions showing at the Art Gallery of Ontario and in Ottawa museums.

Invited to the screening is Barr Gilmore, who designed the titling in the movie as well as the interactive book, members of Environment Haliburton and Paul MacInnes, who will speak to the local natural shoreline project.

"It again leaves you going, 'oh, what is man doing to the planet, but the whole beautiful thing about the filmmakers is that they said, we feel that if man can do this, then man will be able to think of something to undo this," said Rea, explaining this documentary is different than what she hears audiences don't want to be left with: a depressing film that doesn't also move them to action.

The last movie of the day is called You Are Here: A Come From Away Story (7:30 p.m.) and Rea said it doesn't matter if you've seen Come From Away or not, because You Are Here tells the story from the perspective of the Gander, Nfld. residents who generously accepted and supported almost 7,000 unexpected guests landing at their airport, rerouted after the American terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Producer Peter Gentile will be in attendance to introduce the movie and discuss its contents. "Then connections to each other, because at the end of the day that's what it's all about," said Rea.

Doc(k) Day will be held April 6 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Tickets are available for \$10 per movie, \$5 for student passes, or \$30 for a VIP pass that includes entrance to all four documentaries. A wrap party begins at 9 p.m. Visit Haliburton-Movies.com, call 705-286-3696 or follow HIFF Haliburton International Film Festival & Dock Day on Facebook for more information or to buy tickets in advance.





Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 18 High Average (cumulative) Women - Chris Cote - 179 Men - Gary hunt - 206This Week's Highs – Women High Single – Ren Higgins -243 High Single Hcp – Ren Higgins – 295 High Triple – Ren Higgins – 607 High Triple Hcp - Ren Higgins - 763 This Week's Highs - Men High Single – Claude Cote – 258 High Single Hcp – Gerald Taylor – 306 High Triple – Claude Cote – 731 High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 797

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from page 7

and of the police, paramedics and volunteer firefighters of Minden Hills who came to our aid.

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Fed budget contains cash for rural broadband

by JENN WATT Editor

The federal budget, released last week, contains money for the expansion of rural, broadband internet.

The budget has \$1.7 billion allotted for internet infrastructure and satellite technology for under-serviced areas.

Though he's happy to see the funding, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale noted that, while a plan for further rural broadband expansion and improved cellular service in eastern Ontario has been in the works for a couple of years, the funding from the feds is only coming now, in an election year.

"Although I am pleased to see Budget 2019 will support the expansion of muchneeded broadband networks in rural Canada, I'm frustrated that a commitment has only been made in an election year," Schmale said in a press release. "This, despite a plan



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- MP JAMIE SCHMALE



for eastern Ontario being on the minister's desk for two years, forcing people in our area to wait needlessly without reliable internet and cellular service.'

The mobile broadband expansion project by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network has an estimated price tag of \$213 million and will entail the construction of several new telecommunications towers throughout eastern Ontario. A number of areas within that part of the province, including large swaths of Haliburton County, remain without reliable, wireless internet connectivity.

Of that total cost, \$10 million is budgeted to come from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which owns EORN, along with the separated city governments within the area; \$71 million from the federal government; \$71 million from the provincial government; and \$61 million from the mobile provider companies themselves. While the provincial government committed to its \$71 million on the project under former premier Kathleen Wynne, funding that the Ford government has committed to continue, there has been no word on federal funding until now.

At press time, it was unclear whether the \$71 million that EORN is seeking from the federal government will come from the internet pot in this year's budget.

We don't know that yet," Schmale told the Echo. "We're waiting for details."

The MP said in order for the project to proceed in the 2020 construction season, EORN would need to know soon whether it's receiving funding.

"If the government does not decide soon, then it goes to the next construction season," Schmale said. "I think the people of the county have been more than patient."

The government's goal is for every Canadian, regardless of where they live, to have reliable internet connectivity by 2030.

The budget contains a number of spending items aimed at improving the lives of middle-class Canadians, from a new homebuyers' incentive program to money for skills retraining, to increased coverage for drugs for rare diseases to a number of measures for seniors.

The Canadian Association of Retired Persons is pleased with the federal budget.

"CARP has been calling for significant changes to safeguard Canadians as we age. The government has listened," said Laura Tamblyn Watts, CARP's chief public policy officer, in a press release. "CARP applauds the federal government for taking decisive action in reducing the GIS (guaranteed income supplement) claw-back, increasing federal pension protections, supporting deferred annuities for seniors, a new EI caregiving benefit and housing supports for low income seniors."

Schmale too noted the budget contains positive measures for low-income seniors.

The federal government is also provided \$2.2 billion from its gas tax money to municipalities for infrastructure projects, which will come in the form of one-time cash infusions.

"They get that one-time stream of funding and they can pretty much do what they want with it," Schmale said, adding that with the province providing a similar one-time funding grant to small and rural municipal governments, it should be a good year for municipal governments.



If the government does not decide soon, then it goes to the next construction season.

— MP JAMIE SCHMALE



The budget contains \$41 billion in new spending and runs a deficit of \$19.8 billion. The four budgets of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government have all included deficits, with an average of about \$18 billion a year. Schmale called the scope of spending in the budget irresponsible.

"It's mostly services, so it means locked and permanent," he said of the spending, calling it unsustainable and saying it would mean service cuts down the road. "We continue to spend in good times . . . there are some reports saying the economy could start to slow down, we've racked up the credit card."

Schmale also noted Trudeau's broken promise to balance the federal budget in the last year of this term.

The Conservatives have said the bigspending budget is meant to distract Canadians from the ongoing SNC-Lavalin





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Irish Lunch Fundraiser

When: Saturday March 30, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m Where: Highland Grove Recreation Centre Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Coffee, Tea, and

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All proceeds will be donated to our friend Ella. She is just 14 years old and has been diagnosed with advanced lymphoma. Hope to see you there, EVERYONE is welcome!!!!

Hosted by Melissa Burroughs

Lenten Lunch

When: April 3

Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church, Minden

Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch. By donation

Home Ownership: The inside scoop

When: Thursday April 4, 6 p.m.

Where: Medeba This free event is hosted by the Young Professional Network. Panelists includes a realtor, finance officer, insurance broker and a home inspector. YPN is a subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce. They are committed to networking with young people of Haliburton County by introducing them to social events, information sessions and sharing

resources and businesses to help keep people in the county.

Lindsay Train Show When: April 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Victoria Park Armoury Presented by the Lindsay & District Model Railroaders. Visit: lindsaytrainshow.ca

Spaghetti Dinner

When: Saturday, April 6, seating available 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd.

Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce served with Caesar salad, fresh rolls and a variety of desserts. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$8, children five and under free. For reservations, call Nancy: 705-286-3339 **Owl Prowl**

When: Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Land Trust Discover Day: Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and Bellinda Gallagher and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which Pauline monitors for Bird Studies Canada. Owls are identified by their distinct calls. So listen and learn. Admission by donation. Space is limited so please register at www. haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Lenten Lunch

When: April 10

Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch. By donation

Lunch and Learn: Sandra Dupret

When: Wednesday, April 10, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. presentation

Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon Hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Come out to hear Sandra Dupret, dean/principal of Haliburton School of Art + Design speak. Cost: \$20 (cash or cheque only). For tickets call Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000

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Midgets heading into Game 5 on Saturday

The OMHA Midget CC west championship continued with the Highland Storm and the Twin Centre Stars. The Storm team won the first two games. Game 3 was played in Wellesley, Saturday, March 23 and ended in a 3-3 tie.

The Twin Centre Stars came out strong, knowing they cannot lose, being down two games in the series. The Storm worked hard in the first, however gave up a goal during a power play. The Storm stepped it up in the second period and took a 2-1 lead. Both goals resulted from Gilbert's determination. He owned the puck and fought through the Stars' defence, pulling the goalie's attention and then snapped passes to Smith, and Clements, minutes apart. Early in third period, Haedicke took off at centre and manoeuvred nicely into the Stars' end, deked past the defence and backhanded in the next

It was a 3-1 game for the Storm with 10 minutes left. The Stars knew it and increased the intensity, the Storm buckled with penalties and it became a 3-3 game. The overtime was action packed and scoreless. Each team left with a point.

The next day, home ice advantage wasn't enough in this "do or die" game for the Twin Centre Stars and the Storm was hushed 4-1.

Seconds into the first period, the penalties began for the Storm team and continued throughout the game. The Stars took the lead in the first period while on a power play. Then picked up a couple more goals in the second period, this quieted the Haliburton arena.

With less than a minute in the period, Dollo shot a pass to Gilbert for a two-on-one rush. His keen eye saw the opening and he snapped it in, ending the period 3-1.

With the third period ahead, anything is possible. However, the Storm kept their penalty box busy and allowed the Stars another goal and the 4-1 game. This puts the Storm team leading 5-3 in points, heading into Game 5 of the finals.

The Storm Midgets will be travelling to Wellesley for Game 5, March 30 and a possible Game 6 in Haliburton, March 31 – 2 p.m.

By Suzanne Haedicke



Highland Storm Midget goalie Carson Sisson.



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Highland Storm Midgets will play Game 5 looking for the win of the OMHA provincial final for Midget CC teams after a home game against the Twin **Centre Stars** on March 24 resulted in a score of 4-1 for the Stars. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



National curling title for Minden's Alyssa Denyer

by DARREN LUM Times Staff

The Laurentian University Voyageurs women's curling program is solidifying itself as a curling powerhouse, having just won its second U Sports Championship title in three years

Part of this success includes a Highlands' connection, as one of its members is former Red Hawks curler Alyssa Denyer, who has always appreciated the support from the Haliburton Curling Club and the Minden Curling Club, and is proud to call Minden her hometown.

Just like their provincial championship performance, the Voyageurs came through in the clutch again, beating the Brock University Badgers 7-5 in the 10th end at the Willie O'Ree Place in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, March 19.

The Voyageurs skip Kira Brunton had to draw to the button for the win and came through, as she has all season.

Denyer revealed the confidence she had in her teammate and what she remembers of the moments that led up to when her skip threw the rock.

With her teammate Emma Johnson, she said, "I knew as sweepers about four rocks ahead of time that we would probably be sweeping an out-turn draw to the four foot on [Brunton's] last. But she had thrown that same perfect draw multiple times that game,

and all week, so I had all the confidence in the world that it would be an easy judge and easy sweep to get shot because we had been making those team shots all week," she wrote in an email. "Of course it was exciting and nerve wracking, and lots of hugs and high fives were shared after shaking hands with our opponents."

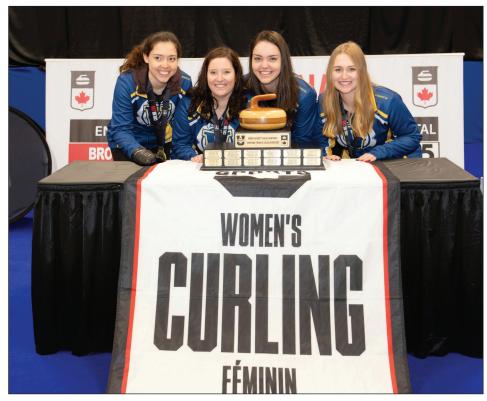
Denyer describes curling at the nationals was better than she could have ever imagined.

"Walking into the arena to see the iconic blue carpet around the sheets like you see in the Scottie's and Briar, and [when I saw] the Curling Canada scoreboards, it really made it feel real. From start to finish it felt like each game we played [we] just got better and better. After beating some of the big name teams, like Alberta and Dalhousie, we continued to work together and make more shots and win more games. For my first national and to be able to win it with these girls and representing Laurentian was an unreal experience," she wrote.

The team finished round-robin play at 5-2 and entered the playoffs as the fourth seed.

The Voyageurs routed the round-robin top-seed Dalhousie Tigers 8-2 to earn a berth to the championship final against the Brock Badgers, which was broadcast live on cbcsports.ca.

Her parents, Rick and Marilyn, who had made vacation plans for Mexico prior to the championship, stayed up to date with their daughter through texts sent by friend Cynthia Kocot



The Laurentian University Voyageurs women's curling team from left, Kira Brunton, Megan Smith, Alyssa Denyer and Emma Johnson beat the Brock University Badgers 7-5 in the 10th end of the U Sports Championship at the Willie O'Ree Place in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, March 19. The Voyageurs, who include former Red Hawks curler Denyer, won the national title despite finishing the round-robin as the fourth seed. The Voyageurs have won two national titles in three years. Not pictured is Mikaela Cheslock. Photo: Rob Blanchard/Curling Canada.

"We were sitting on a bus on our way back from a day excursion to Playa Del Carmen. It was very nerve wracking when we received the text that said, 'they have to draw in for the win.' We erupted into applause when we received the final text, 'YIPPEE,'" her father said.

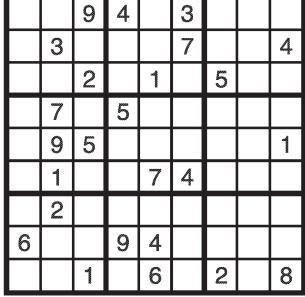
Denyer said she connected with her parents via a video call on the way out to the car, following the medal ceremonies and photos.

"We were able to share the excitement with my family," she wrote.

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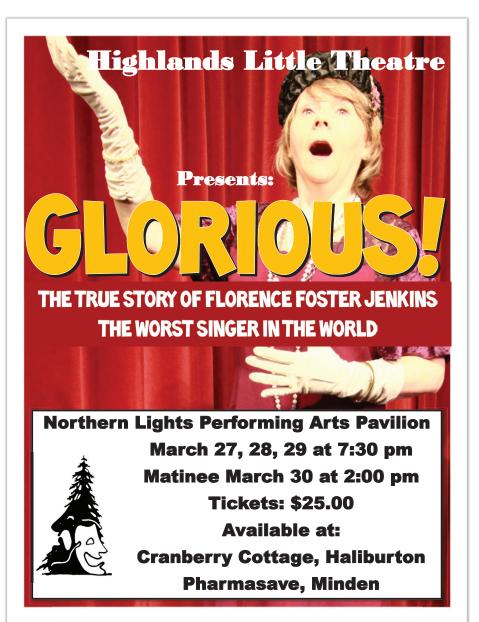
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Answers on page 16



Boys curling team places fifth in province

The Red Hawks boys curling team placed fifth at OFSAA. teams, advanced to the playoff round. The team consists of skip Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Jacob Dobson at vice, Liam Little at second, and Corrin Gervais throwing lead rocks. Coach Darrell Dobson said, "This is a very strong team. In the last two years, they have won Gore Zones Gold (2017), Gore Regionals Gold (2018), and Gore Provincials Fourth (2018), Kawartha Gold (2018, 2019), COSSA Silver (2018), COSSA Gold (2019), and OFSAA Provincial Competition Fifth (2019)."

OFSAA was in North Bay from March 20-23 with games split between the North Bay Granite Club and the nearby Sturgeon Falls Granite Club. Eighteen teams competed in three pools of six. Each team played five games, and the top two from each pool, along with the next best two "wild card"

The Red Hawks' first game was a 9-0 win over Bishop Reding C.S.S. of Milton. Bishop Reding conceded the game after only four ends. The second game was a 5-3 victory over Bishop Allen Academy of Etobicoke, who conceded after seven ends. In the third game, the Red Hawks defeated this year's Gore Provincial Champions, Fellowes H.S., from Pembroke, who conceded defeat with a score of 9-3. The fourth game was the Red Hawks' first loss all season, and it came after two extra ends versus Superior Heights C. & V.S. of Sault Ste. Marie, with a score of 7-6. The last round robin game against Glendale High School from Tillsonburg, also went to extra ends and ended with Glendale squeaking out a 6-5 win. The Red Hawks' record was strong enough to

make the semifinals on Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m., where they faced North Park C.& V.S. of Brantford, who were undefeated at OFSAA and ranked number one after the round robin. The game came down to the very last shot, a take out for the Red Hawks to win, but it just ticked a guard, and the game went to North Park with a score of 6-3.

The team is coached by Russ Duhaime, Hugh Nichol, and Darrell Dobson. According to Dobson, "Haliburton is an amazing community with so much support for these youth curlers. Our new principal Chris Boulay has been super supportive of the team, and when we travel to competitions and meet and talk with other coaches and parents, it becomes clear that the Haliburton Curling Club probably has the best youth curling program in the province. The club has been amazing with its support. It's been a great season!"

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The Red Hawks boys curling team from left, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Jacob Dobson, Liam Little, and Corrin Gervais, placed fifth at OFSAA in North Bay last weekend. /Photos

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Students encouraged to submit banner ideas

The entry deadline is approaching for students to enter their concept for banners to the Minden Hills Cultural centre.

This year's theme is Water and applicants are asked to create their banners only in shades of blue. Design requirements:

- Strong design with simple shapes the banner is a long,
- Bright solid colours, but no black outline
- No typography or numbers
- Keep in mind how much time it takes to paint two sides
- Use template provided by the cultural centre or create your own: 9.2cm wide x 24 cm height

The actual form can be downloaded at https://mindenhills. ca/cultural-centre-events/

The banner contest is for youth 13 and under.

Deadline is April 8.

Drop entry form/banner design to: Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden (Minden Hills Cultural Centre) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School transferred their designs from paper to banner at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. /File photo

Grief groups provide support through dark days

Holidays can be especially difficult for those experiencing grief. As we approach the Easter weekend, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is reminding residents of two grief support groups that meet each month in the county.

The first Wednesday of every month, a group meets at the Hyland Crest auditorium in the Minden hospital from 1 to 3

The second Wednesday of every month, a group meets at the Ruth Parkes Room in the Haliburton hospital from 1 to

The groups, which are organized through Community Support Services of HHHS, offer emotional support in a safe and non-judgmental environment. They offer information about resources available to help you with things like completing paperwork, managing your budget, conducting security checks, home maintenance and home help.

The groups teach coping skills and provide hope through fellowship with other people who have been through a similar situation.

Participants are assured that they have permission to grieve and to live a happy, productive life, creating a new normal, while honouring the past.

"I feel the support I received helped me through some of the darkest days of my life," one support group participant

For more information about resources and services, contact 705-457-2941, extension 2932 or email infocc@hhhs.ca.

Climb the squash ladder in Dorset

DORSETNEWS

burgesslt@me.com

The Dorset Recreation Centre is starting a squash ladder in April. What is a squash ladder, you ask? It's a social way to find players of similar skill levels, with new players starting at the bottom of the ladder. If you've always wanted to try squash but aren't sure how to get started, this is a great way to start. The Rec Centre is taking registrations for an aquafit program at Halls Lake. They will be running three two-week sessions from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. from July 8 - August 16. Contact the Rec Centre for more information.

Don't forget to visit the Rec Centre and see the newly installed gym equipment. For information on how you can get a gym membership and use all of the brand new equipment, visit algonquinhighlands.ca or inquire at the Rec Centre.

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PAUDASH, Kathaleen Myrtle

Entered into rest peacefully at the Streamway Villa, Cobourg on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Kathaleen (nee Davis), in her 82nd year, was the beloved wife for 58 years of the late Lawrence (Larry) Paudash (2015). Loving mother of Debbie & John Turner, Brenda Paudash & Len Huisman, Diane & Dan Curwin and Brian & Daniella Paudash.

Cherished grandmother of Jamie (Kim), Shawn (Shayna), Jennifer (Jay), Spencer, Chris (Sabina), Fraser and Brennan and GG of Mason, Trinity, Madelyn, Caylee, Jessica, Carson, Dakota, Merek, Madden and Ivory.

Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. In keeping with Kathaleen's wishes, cremation has taken place. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation at the HIAWATHA FIRST NATION UNITED CHURCH, 120 Paudash Street, Hiawatha, Ontario on Thursday, March 28 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral service in the church at 11:00 A.M. Entombment to follow at Hiawatha First Nation Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and may be arranged through the

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aliburton Hospital Auxiliary President Willie Cox presents HHHS Executive Director, Foster Loucks with the latest donation, \$47,800 to purchased new beds for the acute care wing of the Haliburton Hospital.

vears of caring

The Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary marked its thirtieth anniversary in tradition fashion, with yet another donation.

This time, Auxiliary President Willie Cox presented the hospital with over \$47,000 to cover the cost of the electronic beds which were purchased for the acute care ward in the Haliburton facility. The beds were in place when the renovated hospi-

The donation is one of many dating back over the auxiliary's 30 year history. "In 1971, the purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital was to provide for the comfort of the patients and to add to the existing equipment," the president told the many people gathered for the group's St. Patrick's luncheon, Friday. "Today's donation keeps us true to that original intent," she

Minden Hills option: Clean up or pay up

by Matthew Sitler

Clean up your act or pay the consequence.

A lack of spring cleaning could come to mean fines for residents of Minden Hills if their properties remain 'unreasonably' littered in the eyes of the muinicipality

The proposed 'Clean and Clear' by-law, if passed, would mean Council could force area property owners to remove unsightly waste and unused vehicles from their lawns and fields. At the Legislation, Building, By-law and Fire Committee meeting

of March 13, the matter was referred to the new Minden Hills Chief Building Official, Fraser MacDonald, for further scrutiny. "We want an enforceable by-law," Reeve Ross Rigney told the committee. "If we don't have it, maybe we should take a second look at this.

The council doesn't want grass to be longer than eight inches in residential areas, and it now seems willing to enforce both a rural and residential property's tidiness as well. "This came up at the last meeting, and there is no point in putting in the by-law if it

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Welcome Algonquin Highlands

by Matthew Sitler

Algonquin Highlands

The new name has been chosen for the municipality of Sherborne, Stanhope et al. It's a name that councillors hope will strengthen tourism and marketing efforts while at the same time retaining the beauty and identity of the various townships' charac-

"I guess how this all started was after the amalgamation," explained Reeve Eleanor Harrison at a publie meeting scheduled for a vote on the issue last



Dave Bullford explains why he preferred the name Algonquin Highlands.

Thursday. "We started struggling with the length of our full name Sherborne, Stanhope, McClintock, Livingston, Lawrence and Nightingale - some people actually said it sounded more like a lawyer's firm than it did a municipality

Having said that, the Reeve pointed out that the (more on page 3)









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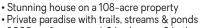
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